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SUBJECT: NOMENCLATURE OF BANGLADESH

REF: DACCA 3971

1. MFA PICKED UP A BBC BROADCAST THIS MORNING REPORTING THAT NEW BD GOVERNMENT WAS STILL CALLING ITSELF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RATHER THAN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH. IN ANSWER TO SUBSEQUENT QUERY, WE TOLD THEM THAT WE HAD HAD NO CONFIRMATION OF REDESIGNATION, THEN LATER PASSED GIST OF DACCA 3971.

2. MINISTRY IS OBVIOUSLY CHAGRINED ABOUT ITS EARLIER ACCEPTANCE OF AUTHENTICITY OF REPORT OF NAME CHANGE. THIS REPORT, WHICH GAVE RADIO QKFLADESH AS SOURCE AND CARRIED INDIAN DATELINES, RECEIVED HEADLINE COVERAGE HERE AND OBVIOUSLY WAS AN ELEMENT IN PROMPTING BHUTTO'S GENEROUS STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION, SUPPORT, AND ASSISTANCE. WORD THAT THE TWO (HINDU/ MUSLIM) NATION THEORY, PRONOUNCED DEAD IN 1971 WITH THE PROCLAMATION OF A SECULAR BANGLADESH, WAS ALIVE
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AND WELL IN DACCA HAD BEEN GREETED WITH CONSIDERABLE

ENTHUSIASM BY PRESS AND PUBLIC AND "MUSLIM BENGAL"
WAS MAJORE THEM IN FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COMMENT
FOLLOWING COUP. REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW GOP WILL
REACT IF NAME NOT TO BE CHANGED.
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